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# Prototyping FLAG Monitoring in Splunk

*(My Summer Internship at LANL)*



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# Outline

*Background*

*Motivation*

*Toolbox*

*Workflow*

*Results: Tracking & Reporting in Splunk*

*Wrap Up/Future Work/Questions*



# Who am I?

**Rising Senior @ Oberlin College (40 min SW Cleveland)**

**- Majors: CS, Math, Hispanic Studies**

**Work: CS-TA, Tutor Children, Gym**



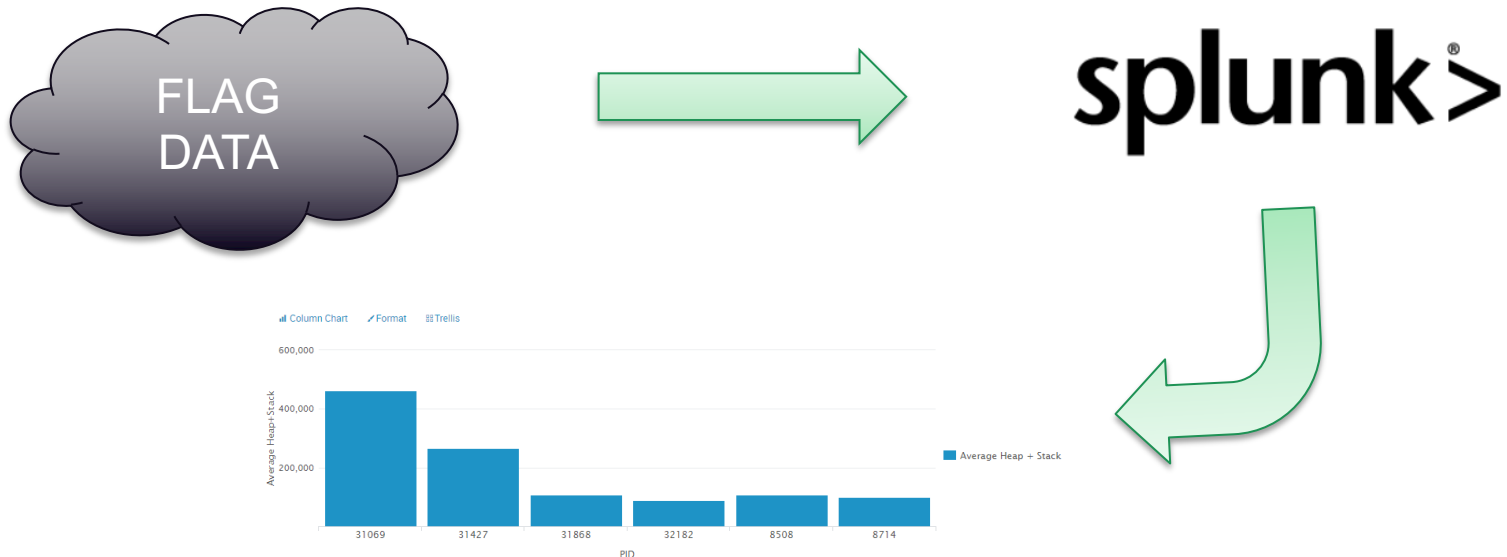
**Favorite Hobby: (Softball/Pitcher)**



# Overall Goal

## 2 parts:

- Send new memory data to Splunk
- Utilize Splunk commands to analyze + interpret FLAG data



## What did I add to my Toolbox?

## Technical:

- Parallel computing
- Building + Running FLAG
- How to work Splunk (w/ FLAG specific data)



## Professional:

- Wider view of work done at the lab
- Better understanding of how to compare industry and lab/academia
- How grad school could meaningfully fit into my goals

# Workflow

**Week 1:** Linux Refresh + Parallel Computing

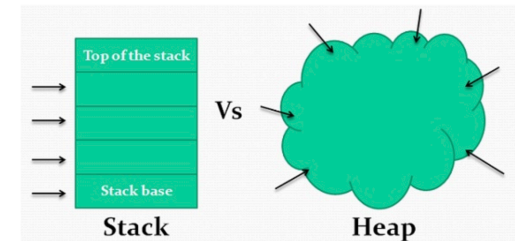
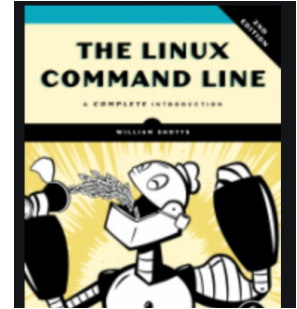
**Week 2-3:** What is FLAG + Intro to HPC

**Week 4-5:** Splunk Training/Navigate X-Splunk

**Week 6:** Existing timers in FLAG + develop queries

**Week 7-8:** Analyze MemInfo Reporting

**Week 9-10:** Add *print\_run\_info()* calls + analyze in Splunk



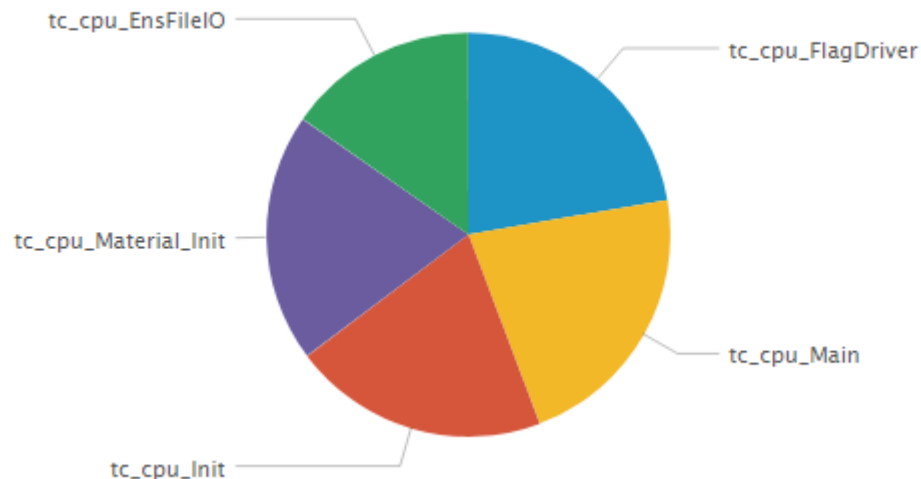
# Internal Timers + Splunk

## *Before Diving Into MemInfo:*

- Used pre-existing fields: tc\_cpu\_<packagename>
- Tracking & Reporting (Top 5)

```
qid=X-LAP | fieldsummary tc_cpu_* maxvals=5 | rename count as Count, field as packageName | sort -Count | head 5
```

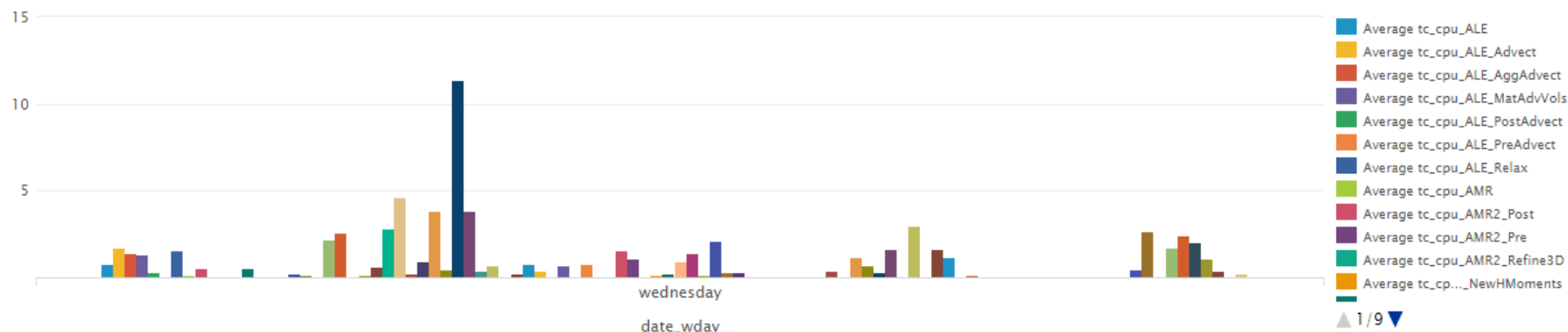
Count/Occurrence



# Internal Timers + Splunk (cont)

## Average Time Data (seconds)

```
qid=X-LAP | stats avg(tc_cpu_*) as "Average tc_cpu_*" by date_wday | sort -count
```



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# Memory: Data Examined and Why

## *Where did we start?*

- **MemInfo.cc** → lots of memory data printed to log files
  - reporting turned on via input file
- **statm** command

## *What value did we choose?*

- heap+stack (MB)
  - variation
  - memory data is important to FLAG

## *How did we investigate?*

- Variety of input files + settings
- Lagrange Hydro

# FLAG Code Details

## *What did we know?*

- heap+stack value in log files
- ***print\_run\_info(key, length, val, length)*** → sends to Splunk
- Splunk organizes by events (runs)

## *What do we want?*

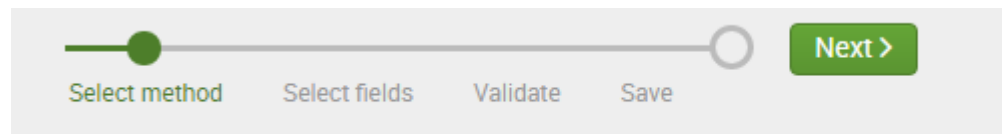
- **field 1**: value to distinguish runs
  - ***print\_run\_info("pid", 3, pid, strlen(pid))***
- **field 2**: value for memory data
  - ***print\_run\_info("heapstackpe0", 12, vdata, strlen(vdata))***





# Splunk Field Extraction

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Splunk Enterprise will extract fields using a Regular Expression.



Delimiters

Splunk Enterprise will extract fields using a delimiter (such as commas, spaces, or



## Extraction Results

✓ 7 events (before 8/4/20 1:56:29.000 PM)

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Sample: 1,000 events 

All Events

### Non-Matches

[illegible]

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```
a binary 1
a build_dt 2
a class 2
a classpath 2
a cwd 1
# date_mday 1
# date_minute 6
a date_month 1
# date_second 7
a date_wday 1
# date_year 1
a date_zone 1
a deck_md5 4
# exit_status 1
a exit_sub 1
a heapstackpe0 6
a hostname 2
# Hydro 7
a index 1
a info 1
a insertTime 5
# linecount 1
# metricsVersion 1
```

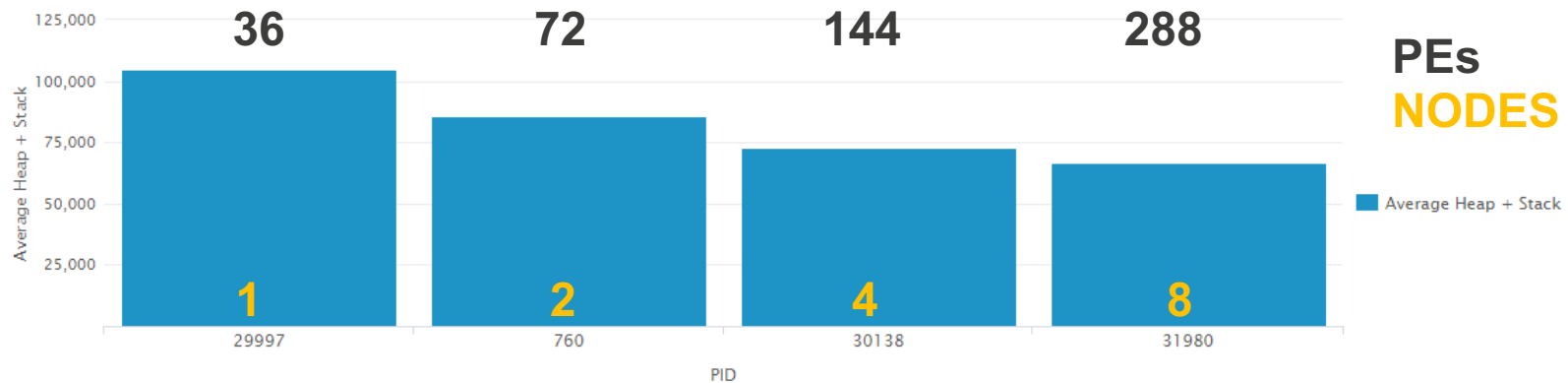
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# Splunk + MemInfo

**Input:** sod3d\_ndim64.flg

**Settings:** ppr:1:core

```
qid=X-LAP
| regex "build_by=\"morin\""
| table pid, heapstackpe0
| makemv delim="," heapstackpe0
| makemv delim="," pid
| eval PID = mvdedup(pid)
| table PID, heapstackpe0
| where PID==760 OR PID==29997 OR PID==30138 OR PID==31980
| stats avg(heapstackpe0) as "Average Heap + Stack" by PID
| sort -"Average Heap + Stack"
```

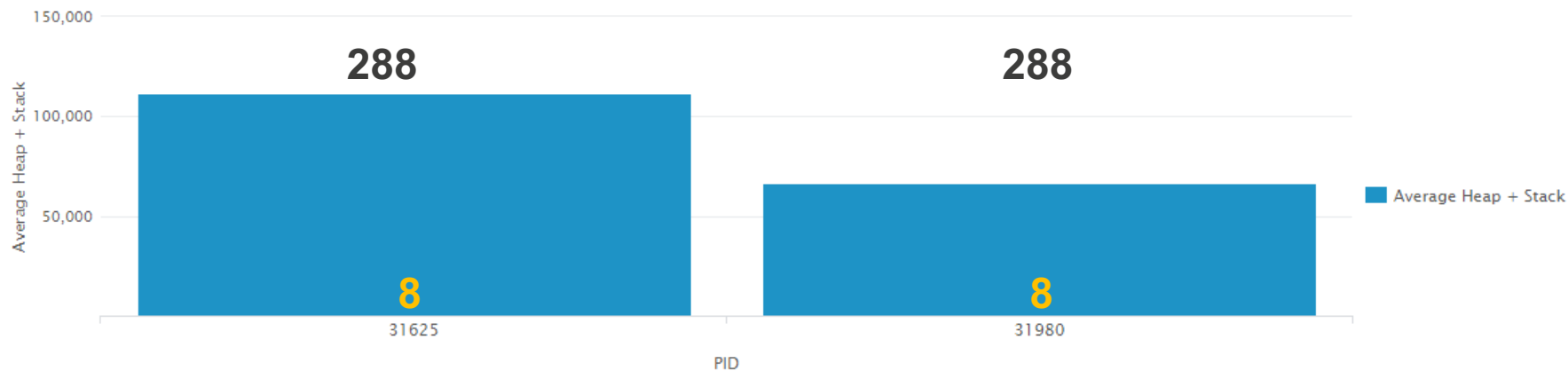


# Splunk + MemInfo

*sod3d\_ndim128.flg*

*sod3d\_ndim64.flg*

PEs  
NODES

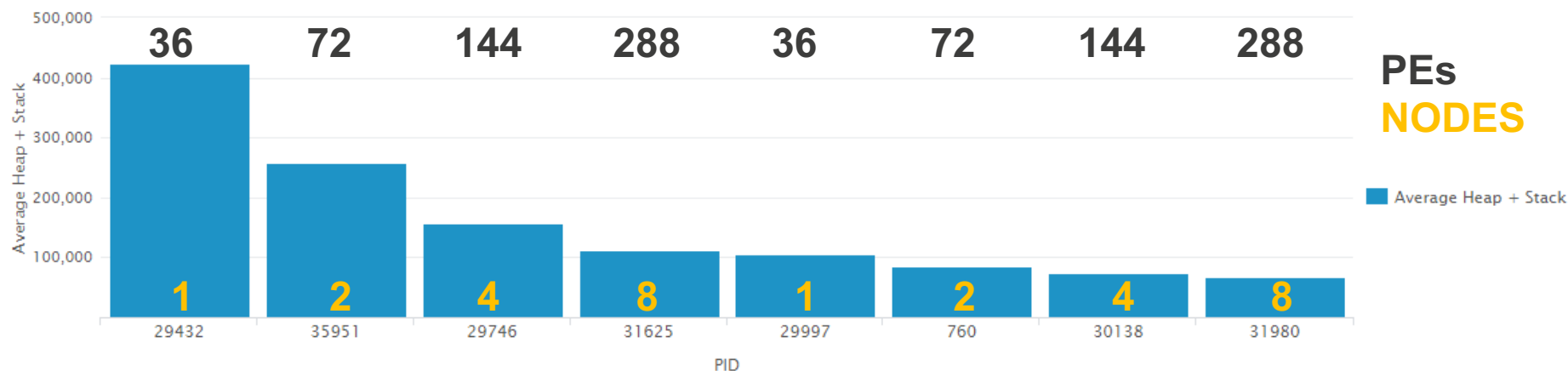


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| table PID, heapstackpe0
| where PID==760 OR PID==29997 OR PID==30138 OR PID==31980 OR PID==29432 OR PID==35951 OR PID==29746 OR PID==31625
| stats avg(heapstackpe0) as "Average Heap + Stack" by PID
| sort -"Average Heap + Stack"
```





# Conclusions + Future Work

## *What do we have now?*

- Toolbox:
  - Splunk = powerful
  - Potential to mine meaningful data
  - Workflow to get data from FLAG to Splunk

## *Where do we want to go?*

- Splunk?
- Other data?



## Data informed decisions:

Learn how to improve FLAG based on memory usage

# Thank You XCP-1!

## Thank you:

- Jimmy for hosting me
- Wendy + everyone I spoke with/listened to

## Highlights:

- The lab for staying committed to students
- Designing Your Career Series (based on book)



## Questions for you all:

- Have you worked anywhere besides LANL and how does it compare?
- What is one thing you wished you knew when prepping to finish undergrad?